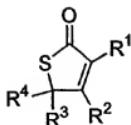


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I:



I

wherein:

R¹ = H

R² = -OH, -OR⁵, -OCH₂C(O)R⁵, -OCH₂C(O)NHR⁵, -OC(O)R⁵, -OC(O)OR⁵, -OC(O)NHNH-R⁵, or -OC(O)NR⁵R⁶, where R⁵ and R⁶ are each independently H, C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl, and where R⁵ and R⁶ can each optionally contain halogen atoms;

R³ and R⁴, the same or different from each other, are H, C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl;

R⁴ = C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl;

with the proviso that when R² is -OH, -OCH₃, or -OC(O)CF₃ and R³ is -CH₃, then R⁴ is not -CH₂CH₂OH, -CH₂(C₆H₅), or -CH=CH-CH₃, and

the further proviso that when R³ is -CH₂-(C₆H₅), then R⁴ is not -CH₃ or -CH₂CH₃.

2. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁵ is H, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl or alkylaryl.

3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein R⁵ is H, or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl.

4. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R³ is and R⁴ are each independently H, C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl, or alkylaryl, and R⁴ is C₁-C₁₀

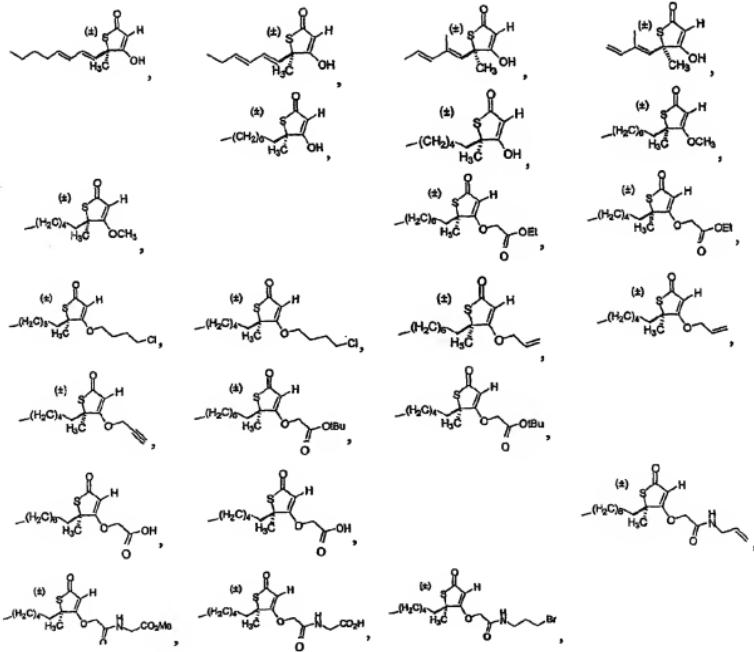
alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, arylalkyl.

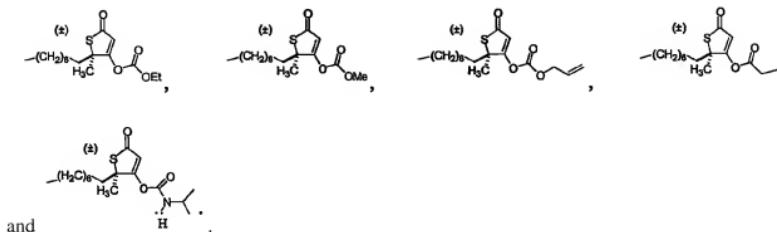
5. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 4, wherein R³ is and R⁴ are each independently H, or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl, and R⁴ is C₁-C₁₀ alkyl.

6. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein, R³ is -H or -CH₃.

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein R⁴ is -nC₆-C₈ alkyl.

8. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is selected from the group consisting of:





9-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutical diluent and a compound according to claim 1 of formula I.

19-55. (Cancelled)

56. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, where:

R¹ is H;

R² is -OCH₂C(O)NHR⁵, where R⁵ is C₁-C₁₀ aryl containing a halogen atom;

R³ is -CH₃; and

R⁴ is -n-C₆-C₈ alkyl.

57. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutical diluent and the compound of claim 56.

58-66. (Cancelled)